Special Social Schemes for Widows of Weaker Sections

†2328. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no special social schemes in the country for the widows belonging to the weaker sections of the society;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to formulate any special schemes for the widows of this section of the society; and

(d) if so, the details of the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is no special social scheme for the widows belonging to the weaker sections of the society in the Ministry. The main reason is that the existing schemes cover all the underprivileged and disadvantaged sections of the society including widows.

(c) and (d) No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry.

Exclusion of Marathi Community of Northern Kerala From SC/ST List

2329. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any recommendation from the Government of Kerala regarding exclusion of Marathi Community residing in the Northern Kerala from the SC/ST list;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Marathi Community living in Karnataka continue to be included in the SC/ST list;

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